

CANNOT PRESS PASSPORT CASE WITH STRENGTH

State Department Explains Its Position.

U. S. EXCLUDES CHINESE

This Makes It Difficult to Criticize Russia.

Anticipating a discussion of the matter in Congress, State Department officials explain why the question of abrogating the treaty ought not to be pressed. Russia ignores request.

Appreciating that the attitude of the Russian government toward American passports is certain to be seriously discussed during the approaching session of Congress, State Department officials are emphasizing the fact that the United States excludes Chinese, and explain that this will prevent the department from vigorously pressing for the recognition of American passports in Russia. Statements to this effect were made yesterday.

SIMILAR TO CHINESE.

The Russian-Jewish passport question is one of the most important that will come before Congress, and there is a very emphatic and insistent demand that the United States either abrogate the treaty of 1832 with Russia, or else insist that the latter country shall recognize American passports. The State department's answer to the demand is that there is a striking similarity between the policy of the Russian government in refusing to admit Jews to Russia and the attitude of the United States in regard to the exclusion of Chinese.

According to cable dispatches from St. Petersburg, the Russian government will continue to insist that the United States is stopped from pleading the cause of the American Jews because of the legislation which has been enacted to exclude the Chinese. In addition, whatever action is taken by the State Department in behalf of the Jews may be cited by China in its efforts to obtain a repeal of the exclusion law. It is said that this is a phase of the question which heretofore has attracted little public attention, but which will have an important bearing when the House and Senate are recommending the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia.

CANNOT PRESS THE CASE.

"The Russian-Jewish passport question," said an official of the State Department yesterday, "is one of the most complicated diplomatic questions which has been before the department in recent years. It has racial and political aspects which will tend to make it especially difficult of treatment. There is a similarity between the action of the Russian government in restricting the admission of Jews and the action of the United States in entirely excluding Chinese from its borders. This phase will prevent the department from prosecuting the cause of the Jews with the same diplomatic vigor as could be employed if this aspect were not present. In Russia there is a strong racial prejudice against the Jews."

Russia's Position Explained.

"The people of the Pacific Coast States particularly, and labor unions all over the country, are opposed to the admission of Chinese. This sentiment led to the passage of the Chinese exclusion law. If the State Department undertakes to argue with the Russian government to persuade it to recede from its position in restricting the admission of Jews, the same arguments might be cited by China against the United States in opposition to the exclusion laws. For this reason it will be impossible for the United States to make convincing diplomatic representations on the subject to the Russian government, however much the officers of the government feel that the attitude of Russia is unjust."

"On the other hand, the Russian government is unable to relax its present policy toward the Jews because of the intense prejudice of the Russians against the Jews. Like all other governments, the administration of Russia must look to its own subjects for support, and the Russian government cannot take any steps to ameliorate the condition of the Jews as long as the prejudice of the Russian people against the Jews continues."

It can also be stated that there is considerable opposition in the State Department to the abrogation of the treaty upon the ground that more would be lost than would be gained, and that even if the treaty should be abrogated, the cause of the Jews would not be advanced. The request of this government in 1905, made by Secretary Root, that the treaty be revised for the purpose of settling the passport question, has been ignored by the Russian government.

UNION LABOR TO ACT IN THE PASSPORT CASE

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 26.—The refusal of Russia to permit Jews carrying United States passports to enter that country has been made an issue by the American Federation of Labor. An agitation among the 30,000 local and national labor unions of the country will be started by the executive council and demands made by them upon President Taft to force Russia to fulfill its treaty obligations. President Taft's first act on returning to Washington will be to request all labor unions to bombard the Chief Executive with demands that he force Russia to respect the treaties with this country.

Concert Singer Finds Life. New York, Nov. 26.—Apparently depressed by her inability to make a success on the American stage, Miss Alice Triseman, twenty-eight years old, a concert singer, committed suicide this morning in the restaurant of the Golf House, in Van Cortlandt Park, by drinking carbolic acid.

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WILL NOT SUPPORT TAFT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—The North American will to-morrow print a long interview with Col. Theodore Roosevelt, in which the former President declares he will not support Taft for re-nomination.

Col. Roosevelt will not support any man for the nomination in 1912, neither Mr. Taft nor any one else. He never gave Mr. Taft any pledge or offer of support, nor did Mr. Taft ever have such an impression.

As to himself, Col. Roosevelt is not a candidate, nor has he been at any time.

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ONE CAN NEVER TELL.



Weary Shaggles.—"I see by the paper the bathtub trust suit is set for January 30." Weary Juggles.—"Do you think they will call us as witnesses?"

Debutante-elect Slips Off to Paris Convent

Miss Suzanne Yerby, Whose Parents Had Planned for Her Society Bow January 1, Expects to Become a Nun.

Without saying a word to her friends, Miss Suzanne Yerby, the beautiful and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett D. Yerby, of 221 Constitution street, members of exclusive Washington society, for whose debut on January 1 elaborate arrangements had been made, slipped out of Washington last Friday and sailed for New York the following day for Paris, where she will enter the Convent of the Sacred Heart and begin her duties as a novice in the expectation of becoming a nun.

The announcement, which was made yesterday by her mother, came as a distinct surprise to her many friends and to Capital society in general. It was supposed she would make her debut on New Year's Day, and extensive preparations were being made for her bow to society. Miss Yerby is twenty years old and is a graduate of the Holy Cross Academy, where she is an accomplished musician and a very popular student. She is also a very accomplished pianist and has been highly commended on. She entered Holy Cross Academy when she was eleven years old, her mother having kept her at home until that time. She proved an apt scholar and took an active interest in school work. She graduated from the academy with high honors in 1909.

MUST BE FIT TO WED.

Pastor Will Require Certificate Before Performing Ceremony.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 26.—Declaring that he will not perform the marriage ceremony for couples who cannot show him that they are in suitable physical condition to be wedded, Rev. George R. Mason, pastor of the Green Harbor Unitarian Church, today announced his intention of having the conference of his denomination take a definite stand on the matter.

The clergyman declared he is acting for the good of the generation in requiring certificates of showing that prospective parents are of sound body and mind. He says: "It is important business, this getting married, and men and women who are ill-should not be allowed to get married. This is how I stand in that matter."

"Jeems" belongs to Mrs. F. E. Partington, wife of the vice principal of the National Seminary at Forest Glen. On Monday last "Jeems" fled to the Hastings home, at 241 South Ellwood avenue, Baltimore.

Here is Mrs. Hastings' version: "When Mrs. Partington went to Europe last summer she allowed me to take care of 'Jeems' only a puppy. When Mrs. Partington returned I sent 'Jeems' to the dog house. He was very barked and whined during his stay at the National Seminary and finally ran away. How 'Jeems' found his way to Baltimore is a mystery."

VICTORY IS FATAL.

Member of Naval Academy Band Dies on Way Home.

Annapolis, Nov. 26.—Antonio Barilla, a member of the Naval Academy Band, who had played with the other bandmen during the football game at Philadelphia yesterday, was seized with heart trouble a few minutes before the Baltimore and Ohio train reached Annapolis late last night and died just as it pulled into the station. It is thought that the excitement of the game killed him.

Vose Has His Eye on a Big Gobbler for Taft's Dinner

Thirty-pound Turkey Soon Will Be Shipped to White House by Westerly (R. I.) Farmer.

President Taft is to eat his usual Connecticut turkey for Thanksgiving this year. It is to be the gift of Horace Vose, of Westerly, R. I., who has provided turkeys on Thanksgiving for every President from Grant down to Taft. Vose does not raise the turkeys himself, but buys them from surrounding farmers, and sends them to New York. Stonington, in the eastern part of Connecticut, is one of the big turkey raising regions of the country. Vose has his eye on a big gobbler that weighs thirty pounds, and is one of the finest birds raised near Middletown, Conn. It will be expressed to Washington early this week.

MAFIA VICTIM, STRANDED, LEFT ON LONELY ROAD

Death of Well-dressed Italian Athlete a Mystery.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—With the discovery today of an Italian wedged tightly into a wine barrel and abandoned in Hood road, at Norwood, a suburb, the Delaware County authorities believe they have been given a mysterious aftermath of an Italian Mafia plot.

County Detective Berry, State Detective Mell, Coroner Carr, and Deputy Coroner Dwyer, of Delaware county, are all convinced that the murdered Italian is a Mafia victim. They agree that all the circumstances under which the murdered man was found shows that he was lured into a gang of enemies, who threw a cloth line around his neck and noiselessly strangled him.

WEDGED INTO A BARREL

After being strangled the body was packed into a wine barrel, his legs broken with an ax, and tied on to the trunk of the body, in order to get it into the barrel. The autopsy showed that the man was murdered probably a week ago, and as the body is clean-shaven, except for a small black mustache, and is dressed in clean underwear and is otherwise exceptionally clean, it is believed the murder victim met his death on Sunday a week ago. The wine barrel containing the body had not been seen in Hood road until last Thursday. The wine barrels on the barrel are still free from rust.

The murderers were apparently nervous when they drove the barrel to the lone spot where it was found and were frightened away before they could bury it. A pick and two shovels were found near the barrel with the body. But the barrel lay uncovered, through immediately alongside of a clump of trees and bushes, where it could easily have been buried. Probably from Italy. The fact that the victim wore foreign-made clothes has furnished the officials with the theory that the victim may have been connected with the Viterbo trials and fled to this country to escape the vengeance of the Mafia. The authorities are convinced that only the Mafia would use a strangling cord, as the county records show that in all other Italian murder cases the murder weapon has been a knife or a pistol.

The body of the supposed Mafia victim is that of a handsome, athletic man of about thirty with coal black hair, brushed back in wavy curls, and a small, well-trimmed mustache. He wore unbuttoned but neat clothes, a grayish, striped coat, and blue-striped trousers, a green sweater with red border, and clean, white underwear.

It was made plain by the murderers that they did not kill the young man because they wanted any of his belongings. Even his watch, a gold chain, and his razor were thrown into the barrel with him, as were also his shoes, which had been taken off, but were packed in with the body. There were no marks on any of the clothing.

HUSBAND KILLS TWO.

Returns to Find His Cousin in His Home.

Keosauha, Wis., Nov. 26.—Returning home and finding his cousin, Charles Marchese, in his home, Pasquale Marchese, a well-to-do merchant of this city, last night killed his wife and his cousin with a hatchet.

After evading the police all night, he crept out of the basement of the Holy Rosary Italian Church this morning and went to the home of Rev. August Bandmann, pastor of the church, and pleaded for absolution.

On the advice of the priest he surrendered himself to the sheriff, and is now in jail.

Robber Escapes Jail.

Hackensack, N. J., Nov. 26.—Frank Hart, a New York crook, who was to have been placed on trial Monday on three charges of burglary and one charge of highway robbery, escaped from the Hackensack jail early today.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT YET

Awarding of Gold Prizes in Herald's Contest Delayed Until Count Can Be Verified.

The announcement of the winners of the seven gold prizes, amounting to \$310 in cash, in the special period of The Herald's big tour contest has been postponed until the count can be verified. The race for one of the prizes is very close, and until the subscriptions can be verified the names of the winners cannot be given out. The announcement will be made on Tuesday or Wednesday morning, if it is possible to give an absolutely correct count at that time.

The Herald has the largest morning home circulation, and prints all the news of the world each day, in addition to many local features.

POLICE LOCATE CONFIDANTE OF ALLEGED SLAYER

Woman Who Knows of James Smith's Past Expected to Furnish Important Evidence in Mickle Murder Case and Other Crimes—"Goldie" and "Miss Paddlefoot" Will Probably Be Arrested.

Colored Washerwoman Tells Police She Saw Smith with Wallet in Hand, Stooping Behind Tree After Assault on Bennet Last Monday Morning—The Woods to Be Searched Early To-day for Roll of Bills.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN MURDER MYSTERY

Police discover identity of James Smith's "wife." "Paddlefoot" found in hiding near Marlboro, Md. Smith admits chapter of criminal career. Witnesses tell where Smith hid Bennet's wallet. Bennet reiterates accusation against Smith. Bennet recovers sufficiently to walk. Specialist declares Bennet's sight unimpaired.

Discovery of the identity of the former woman "pal" of James Smith—a woman of the world, known under the pseudonym of "Goldie," by virtue of her blond locks—yesterday added zest to the police chase of all the one-time confidants of the alleged double murderer and climaxed a day notable for the progress made by the police in tightening the chain of evidence about the prisoner.

"Goldie," who already has played a stellar role in the dimmed career of Smith, seems destined to play an even more important part—a part probably tinged with tragedy—as from her lips detectives hope to get the story of Smith's life which Smith confided to the woman.

Two new witnesses were added yesterday to the long list ready to testify against him, and the new evidence uncovered seems the most damaging yet revealed in the case against Smith for the murderous assault on the grocer, Morris Bennet, who was almost killed with a hatchet in his delivery wagon on a lonely road and robbed a week ago.

Information furnished the police by The Washington Herald resulted in an examination of Amy Henderson, a colored washerwoman, of Capitol Heights, and her son Ernest, who, under questioning by Capt. Daley, of the Ninth precinct, revealed the startling information that they saw Smith with a wallet behind some bushes shortly after Bennet was attacked and robbed Monday morning last.

Amy Henderson declared James Smith was stooping behind the bushes and apparently hiding something when she suddenly appeared and started him into the bushes. She saw him take the wallet, and she saw him hide it behind the bushes. She saw him hide the wallet, and she saw him hide it behind the bushes.

"Paddlefoot," who was an intimate of Smith when he was connected with William W. Stout, Red Eagle, the Indian, and another aspirant for vaudeville honors, known as "Jack," was located yesterday by the police "lazing" in the home of a friend, who lives near Marlboro, Md.

While detectives have no ground on which to arrest "Paddlefoot," she is regarded as an important witness against Smith, and probably will be examined today. The police believe she knows a lot about Smith, and they intend to persuade her to divulge all the information in her possession, especially the whereabouts of "Goldie."

Physicians at Casualty Hospital yesterday announced that Morris Bennet soon will be able to return to his home and family on Fairmont Heights. The recovery of the grocer is regarded as certain. He was so much improved yesterday that he was able to walk, and supported by a nurse, stood upright and took a few steps.

Fears that Bennet's sight had been ruined by the slashing blows of the hatchet wielded by his assailant yesterday were dispelled when Dr. Maurice Miller, a specialist, examined Bennet's eyes and declared them unimpaired. "When Bennet saw open the lids," said the specialist, "and the bruises disappear he can see perfectly."

Served Term in Jail. "Goldie," the police learned, served a term at Upper Marlboro for the theft of clothing, and from the records at the jail detectives this morning will gather more information about the woman, which likely will enable them speedily to ascertain her whereabouts. "Goldie" was in jail the same time Smith was imprisoned for shooting at the father of his "pal," William Stout.

Detectives, who were put on an old

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